

**REMARKS**

On April 11, 2003, Application filed a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) to accept a claim of priority delayed unintentionally. Attorney for Applicant subsequently received a telephone call from Examiner Douglas Wood requesting Applicant to submit an amendment to the specification in order to correct the priority claim. Applicant therefore respectfully submits this Amendment in connection with that Petition in order to properly claim priority to the prior-filed applications.

Applicant notes that the present Amendment does not address the substantive issues of the Office Action dated April 2, 2003. Applicant will address those issues, including a requirement to submit a substitute specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.125(a), in a separately-filed Amendment.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant believes that the Amendment submitted herein fulfills the formal requirements of the Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) filed on April 11, 2003, and respectfully requests that said Petition be considered and granted.

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